

# What is a NatureScape?

A NatureScape is a yard and/or landscape that provides a healthy habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife while conserving precious resources--like water.

By creating a NatureScape on your property, you will make your yard more environmentally-friendly or "sustainable". You may even save time and money on maintaining your outdoor area!

In addition, you will help Chula Vista become the largest city in California to be certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat Area through the National Wildlife Federation.

*Remember that it's...*

Your Community.  
Your Environment.  
Your Choice.



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## What areas can become NatureScapes?

**Any outdoor space can be a NatureScape no matter its size or location!**

Certified NatureScapes incorporate some of these features:

- Presence of food, water and cover for wildlife
- Drought-tolerant & native plant species
- Invasive plant species removal
- Drip or soaker hoses for irrigation
- Mulching around planting areas
- Composting of appropriate waste
- Manual or electric-powered garden tools instead of gas-powered

## Get your yard certified as a NatureScape...it's easy!

1. Visit the City of Chula Vista's NatureScape website at [www.chulavistaca.gov/clean](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/clean) and click on "Conservation"
2. Review the schedule of NatureScape workshops and sign-up for one by calling (619) 409-3893 or email [conservation@ci.chula-vista.ca.us](mailto:conservation@ci.chula-vista.ca.us)
3. Attend a half-day workshop to learn more about nature-friendly and sustainable gardening and landscaping practices
4. Incorporate some of the sustainable practices into your outdoor space
5. Schedule for a NatureScape representative to certify your yard and to receive an official "Backyard Habitat" sign

**Para más información en español,  
llame (619) 409-3893.**

## Open space and the Multiple Species Conservation Plan

Chula Vista is fortunate to possess very diverse natural landscapes. The city is bounded by wetlands at its bayfront, the Sweetwater and Otay rivers to its north and south, and mountains and lakes to its east. These landscapes support habitat for rare and endangered species such as the California gnatcatcher, Arroyo toad, and the Otay tarplant, but also for familiar wildlife such as coyotes and red-tailed hawks.

Working with federal and state agencies, the City has set aside over 9,000 acres of these sensitive habitats as permanent open space through its Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP). You are helping these open spaces remain healthy and pristine by making your yard or garden nature-friendly through the City's NatureScape program!



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